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SUBANDRIO TRIAL

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(EXCERPTS) DJAKARTA--FORMER INDOONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DR. SUBANDRIO, ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE, SAID HERE TODAY THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED A DOCUMENT DETAILING A BRITISH-AMERICAN PLAN TO ATTACK INDONESIA. HE SAID HE HAD FOUND IT IN THE HOUSE OF AN AMERICAN ACCUSED OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

SUBANDRIO SAID THE DOCUMENT WAS SENT ANONYMOUSLY BUT HE THOUGHT IT WAS WRITTEN BY THE FORMER BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE, SIR ANDREW BILCHREST. THE DOCUMENT SHOWED THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS "TOGETHER WITH THEIR LOCAL FRIENDS" WERE PLOTTING SOME MOVE AGAINST INDONESIA, HE SAID.

DR. SUBANDRIO SAID TODAY THE ANONYMOUS DOCUMENT WAS FOUND IN THE HOUSE OF AN AMERICAN IN PUNTJAN, 60 MILES SOUTH OF DJAKARTA, WHEN IT WAS SEARCHED BY COMMUNIST YOUTHS. THE AMERICAN LEFT INDONESIA IN MARCH LAST YEAR JUST BEFORE A MOVE TO ARREST HIM ON SUSPICION OF BEING A CIA MEMBER.

SUBANDRIO SAID HE PASSED THE DOCUMENT TO PRESIDENT SUKARNO WHO SUMMONED ALL CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES. HE ADDED HE TOOK THE DOCUMENT WITH HIM TO LAST YEAR'S AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WOULD YIELD A GREAT INFLUENCE ABROAD. "FOR IT WAS TRUE THAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, AND MALAYSIA WERE AGAINST INDONESIA," HE SAID.

UNDER QUESTIONING BY THE CHIEF JUDGE, DR. SUBANDRIO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THE DOCUMENT AS AUTHENTIC WITHOUT TAKING THE TROUBLE TO FIND OUT WHETHER IT WAS GENUINE. SUBANDRIO SAID: "I THOUGHT IT WAS TRUE BECAUSE THE BRITISH HAD ITS ARMY AND NAVY AROUND US."

THE PACKED COURTROOM BURST INTO LAUGHTER WHEN THE JUDGE ASKED "DID THE PRESIDENT SWALLOW THE STORY?" AND SUBANDRIO REPLIED "YES."

THE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, WHOSE POLICY LINKED INDONESIA CLOSELY TO PEOPLE'S CHINA, ADMITTED THAT INDONESIA'S WALKOUT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HAD ISOLATED IT. "BUT THE TIME WAS TENSE AND I RECEIVED FREQUENT REPORTS OF CONFRONTATION AT SEA BETWEEN OUR SHIPS AND THE BRITISH," HE SAID.

RIGID SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AGAIN SURROUNDED THE TRIAL. ARMED GUARDS AND BARBED WIRE BARRICADES SEALED OFF ALL APPROACHES TO THE COURTROOM EXCEPT FOR THOSE CARRYING SPECIAL PASSES.

THE TRIAL CONTINUES TONIGHT.

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